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SUBJECT: US-JAPAN PRE-UNGA BILATERALS

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FOR AMBASSADOR SCRANTON AND BAKER

1. DEPT. HAS BEEN AWARE JAPANESE VIEWS ON FAO DG'S PROPOSAL TO (A) ESTABLISH \$18.5 MILLION TECHNICAL COOPERATIVE PROGRAM (TCP) WITHIN REGULAR BUDGET AND (B) TO GRADUALLY FINANCE FAO'S COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES FROM FAO REGULAR BUDGET RATHER THAN PRESENT SYSTEM OF TWO-THIRDS BY UNDP AND ONE-THIRD BY FAO. WHILE U.S. DID NOT PROPOSE EITHER PROGRAM, AND RECOGNIZED THAT BOTH WERE DEPARTURES WHICH COULD POSSIBLY CREATE DIFFICULTIES, WE DID, AFTER CAREFUL STUDY, DECIDE TO SUPPORT THEM IN 69TH FAO COUNCIL IN JULY 1976.

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DETAILED BACKGROUND AND U.S. POSITIONS ON BOTH ISSUES.

THESE POSITIONS WERE DISCUSSED WITH JAPANESE AND OTHER
GOVERNMENTS THROUGH THE GENEVA GROUP CHANNEL IN ROME PRIOR
TO AND DURING THE 69TH FAO COUNCIL.

3. FYI: ALTHOUGH WELCOMED, JAPANESE CONCERN OVER THESE
ISSUES AND GROWING FAO BUDGET, IS SOMEWHAT BELATED. JAPAN
GAVE LITTLE SUPPORT TO U.S. EFFORT IN 18TH FAO CONFERENCE
TO REDUCE EXCEPTIONALLY LARGE BUDGETARY INCREASE WHICH
FAO ACHIEVED FOR 1976-77 AND WHICH MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR
ORGANIZATION TO COME FORTH WITH PROPOSALS HERETOFORE
LARGELY PRECLUDED BY OTHER DEMANDS ON LIMITED RESOURCES.
END FYI. KISSINGER

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